



1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2013



Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
David Talley

Elder Greeter
Wayne Claeren

Ushers
Carlton and Sharon Ward

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation
Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible
Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Larghetto* George Frederic Handel

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

One: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer



†Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Hymnal #28

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
Traditional

Prayer of Confession

We confess O God, that whether young or aged we are prone to error, imperfect in our human nature, sinful in thought, word, and deed. We recognize that years of experience in life do not necessarily mean progress in understanding or good judgment. At any age we can willfully perpetuate wrong attitudes and behaviors, or we can turn instead to You for transformation and the building up of our faith. There is within us the foolishness of youth that refuses to benefit from learning of elders and the self-satisfaction of age that is unwilling to continue changing. We confess our lack of faith, our tendency to be hesitant in the moment and fearful of the future. Remove the blocks to our growth and fill us with the true confidence of trust in You, in the name of our Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for Personal, Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison *-All are invited to sing-* Hymnal # 572
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

†The Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:10—62:3 OT Page 692
The Good News of Deliverance

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Luke 2:22-40 NT Page 59
Jesus is Presented in the Temple

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **A Light Unto the Gentiles** Rev. Monty Clendenin

†Hymn *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Hymnal #38



† Please stand if you are able.

Prayers of the People

Offertory *It came Upon the Midnight Clear* Jeffrey Blersch

†Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending

†Hymn *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* Hymnal #29

†Charge and Benediction

†Hymn *Song of Hope* Hymnal # 432
May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working, for a world that's new; faithful, when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude *Masters in This Hall* Jeffrey Blersch

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The miracle of worship is, sight of God seen through earthly circumstances; it is the glory of God shining through the darkness; it is the power of God felt when all other strengths fail; it is the eternal manifested in time.

Samuel Miller



Welcome to our Visitors

We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership in First Presbyterian Church, please speak to our Pastor after the service.

Prayer requests - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. The Pastor will receive requests before the Prayers of the People.

Announcements

Special Offering - Next Sunday we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

Worship Service - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday.

Happy
New
Year

In Our Thoughts
and Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
Gene Fair
John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)
Bobby Haynes
Patrick Henry (father-in-law of Jessica Seymour Henry)
Stacy Boozer Mariani
Bob Moore
Ken Mount
Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)
Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
Ellen Simpson
Thompson Nash Wagoner
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



Next Sunday – January 5
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Rev. Tom Winter

Scripture
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20;
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

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Carolyn Padgett

Ushers
Mary Agnes Hester and Millie Neisler

Communion Servers
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Laura Underhill, and Sharon Ward



Worship Opportunities for this Week

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
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Rev. Thomas S. Winter, Stated Supply Pastor
Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary

The Session Rev. Tom Winter, Moderator

Class of 2013
Gary Brown
Jetta Manners
Ivan Ratzlaff

Class of 2014
Wayne Claeren
Barbara Franklin
Laura Underhill

Class of 2015
Aleta Bell
Carolyn Padgett
Sharon Ward

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Trustees
Lana Boozer

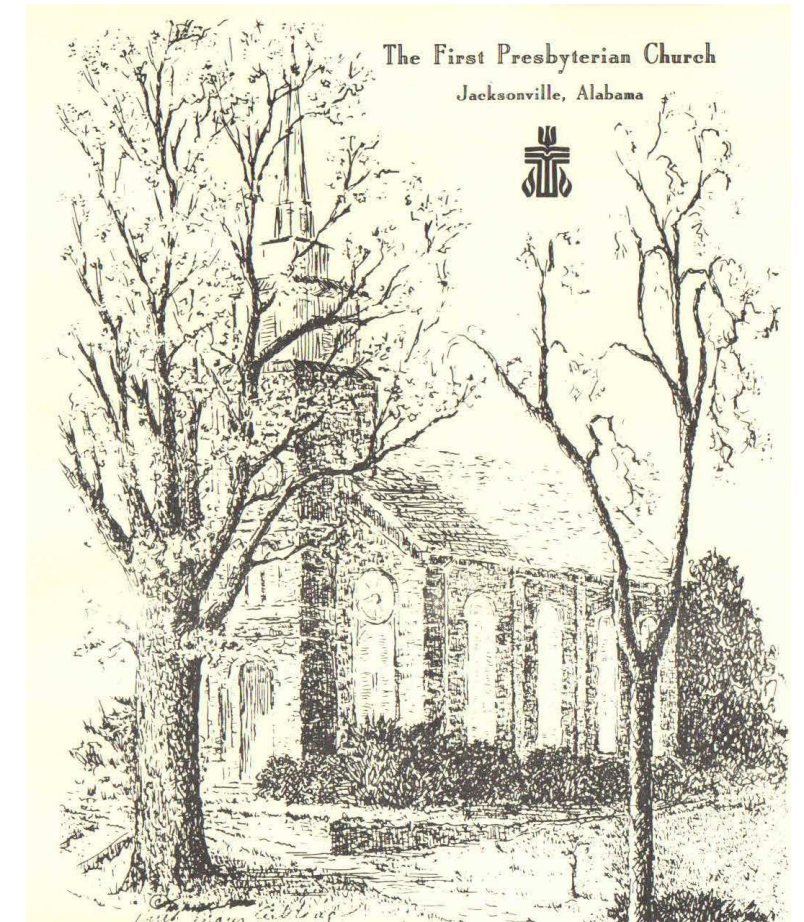
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Jacksonville, Alabama



We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.



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